IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

DIAMOND BAR CATTLE COMPANY and LANEY CATTLE COMPANY

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CIVIL NO. 96-437 WJ/LCS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ANN VENEMAN, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture; and U.S.D.A. Forest Service,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

The United States of America, by and through the undersigned, hereby withdraws U.S. Department of Justice counsel of record Lois J. Schiffer and Margo D. Miller. Said counsel were associated with the original litigation in this matter, and no longer work with the Department of Justice. The United States will continue to be represented in this matter by Howard R. Thomas, Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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